

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Yong Hua Zhu, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/614,650
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For	:	DEVICE FOR CLOSING TISSUE OPENINGS
Examiner	:	Melanie J. Hand
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action transmitted August 25, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.